



IFW 1638

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

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Chaney *et al.*

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For: Recovering Metals from Soil

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Mail Stop AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This is in response to the official action dated March 29, 2004, wherein the claims were objected to and rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112. The applicants respectfully traverse in view of the following amendments and remarks.

- I. Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this response;
- II. Remarks begin on page 8 of this response; and
- III. Conclusion begins on page 10 of this response.